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## ATER WHAT WE WANT

igation Projects Should Have Our Particular Attention Now

#### AHO PROJECTS MAKING GOOD on that wagon haul I had a clear HOMESTEADERS

Properly Exploited and Placed Before Capital---Harney County Projects Biggest in The West. \$3.50, the rathroads do it for less

The irrigation projects of Har-

REASONING IN A CIRCLE-

"You are reasonig in a circle,

"I am only a plain farmer,"

cut cross lots."

comparison of Oregon and by all the people taking an inter- is actually less than 3 per cent respecting both Carey Act est and helping local promoters of the amount that is wasted in Sovernment irrigation proget the fact before it. loes not give an Oregonian of pride or make him most important. up," as we suffer by such rison. Our sister state

to have had practical busidministrations in handling hings to the end that there my friend, when you ought to teral projects that are comand have made good. Twin Falls project is an

le of what can be done in eat Harney Valley, as it is mer, puncture the larbored phil- 16% cents, I easily concluded that the same altitude and crops e successful there should ent of domestic economies, who the high cost of living was clearwn here. Twin Falls has iter supply of water but a gathering of farmers with the profits. other advantage. We statement "that the cause of ufficient water according who have investigated, our soil will hold moisture eure is a reduction in rates" than the Idaho project that is what we term here land and underlaid with thile we have moisture the surface all over Har-Hey that a small amount lumber wagon up to the hugs in garnished sophistry and turn to ace irrigation will pene- mud, and while walking between the more practical effect of and thus require less arapplication to produce just

or better results. Falls didn't have a rail- nomics. hen that project was startit brought one and now nderful crops are being phistry which I found in books causes of high prices, as viewed

Minidoka projects on to market the other day over a connect with the main road knee-deep in mud that made farmer." lyssa, this state and this me realize there were other than

cost of living. I had a case of can readily realize what eggs at my feet one side and a Of 66 graduates in 1910 and Deschutes would be the was by giving the consumer the use on Iowa lands. y not turn our energies took me a whole day with a dairy test work.

are greater things that shown by the reports of the In- farm. We must get busy on more than the average charge by and unfits is being exploded.

ted sections and seen re- cent a ton per mile. ties and urge the neces- states, particularly the farmers 10 buseells to 29.

vest that only require "When I realize that this en-

or elevators at the railroad sta-

tion-I was staggered, first at

the enormous waste and, second,

economic philosophy. It cost

me \$3.50 to haul 1500 lbs.,

whereas with good roads I could

haul 6000 lbs. at the same cost,

showing very clearly to me that

waste and loss of 75 per cent.

The average amount I would

have to pay the railroad for haul-

tance is less than 6 cents. In

other words, for what it cost me

than 6 cents, and the average

the wagon haul.

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country—for every pound or ton of surplus farm products must

RABBIT

Asking Relief From Pests

on Offers Great Field for Such Operations When ing the same load the same dis- Thousands of Acres of Grain Destroyed This Season And Homesteaders Commute and Moving Away---Other Communities Asked to Take Similar Action.

> amount the railroad charges me Fred Denstedt was a caller at this office the first of the week and stated that Rye Grass Grange "I got 81 cents a pound for ney county are its salvation and my hogs that day, 28 cents for the butter and 25 cents a dozen for the eggs. When I computed the cost of wagon haul on my hogs and ascertained that it was 24 cents a pound, and when just before going home 1 stopped at the meat market and paid the butcher 52 cents for two pounds Thus, did Si Hawkins, a plain, of the pork, which but a few untutored, but hard-headed far- hour before I had sold him for osophy of a high-browed expon- the primary cause in respect to had just climaxed an address to ly one of the great waste and

"There may be other elements high prices and the high cost of of waste I have failed tomention living is freight rates, and the but unlike the curbstone philosopher I do not pretend to know it all and I simply want to remind but I, too, have given the high my high-browed friend that if cost of living some thought; not, he desires to effect a practical however, in a rocking chair in a solution of this problem, he richly furnished study, but in a may well set aside academically the handles of a plow. That is muddy roads, expensive wagon the college which I matriculated transportation, middle men's and learner what I know of eco- profits, extravagant and unsys-"Before this, I too, had formed and other kindred causes. These some opinion from garnished so- may be new phases of the real

fact be the main line of freight rates involved in the high BACK TO THE FARM AND NO MISTAKE

ould do in this section. thb of butter on the other, both 1911 from the animal husbandry r water properly conserve bringing such good prices that department of the agricultural economically handled the mother-bless her dear heart, college of Iowa, 52 went back to a and Twin Falls irriga- she looks better in calico than the farm. All were offered posieject would be a mere other women in silk-cautioned tions of \$1000 to \$1800 salary, pared to area and the me against reckless driving. but each preferred to put his through Malheur canyon "A new idea came to me. It scientific training into practical

ect line from the east to benefit of the waste that attach- Eight of the fourteen who t. The possibilities here es to existing methods and con- chose other walks become college reater than many of the ditions, we could by this alone instructors three are in agriculpularly advertised irriga- greatly reduce the cost of living. tural journalism, two are teachjects now in operation. "That set me to figuring. It ers of agricultural, and one is in

articular line of develop- team and wagon to haul 1500 lbs. In the Oregon Agricultural of hogs the ten miles I had to college in 1910 many more posiwe secured the location go. At the rate of \$3.50 per day tions were offered the graduates farm experiment sta-, for team and driver, I easily as- in horticulture and agriculture will work to the advan- certained that the wagon haul than there were men to accept. the entire section, yet without allowing anything for Many of the positions were as ot what we are striving repairs or keeping of myself and superintendents or managers of ely. The dry farm me- team, was costing 46 cents a ton large orchards and all at good good and should be en. per mile. Great Heavens!, that salaries. Many of the positions as we have great areas was over sixty-one times more went unfilled from that source eptible to irrigation but than the average charge a ton because a large per cent of the want to stop at this, per mile by the railroad, as graduates went back to the

ave our attention. One terstate Commerce Commission, The agricultural colleges are farm will produde bet- and yet everybody seeking to re- fast convincing their students twice what any dry duce the high cost of living was and the public that life on the matter how well tilled, bitterly inveighing against rail- land is not a mere makeshift, oduce. We have these road rates and blindly marching but a highly interesting, extremeties within our reach behind blind leaders to the end. ly independent and thrifty actipersistent work we can When roads are not muddy, I vity. The old idea that we can hem. There is no use hauled 2500 lbs. to a load and farm when we cannot do anyy and waiting for rail- yet that was 28 cents a ton per thing else, and that the farm

work and force the the railroads. The reports of In the well known utterance to build and we can the Interstate Commerce Com- of James J. Hill, often reiteratmission showed that the average ed, the land is a gold mind. individual who has visit- cost by railroad was 2 of one the soil never stops producing. ted sections and seen rele back to Harney county

"In a pamphlet issued by the ater faith in the future.

Department of Agriculture, I preciate then the great read that the farmers of several risen from its former figures of use than it did in the beginning. The average yield in England has problem.

immediate action. of Pennsylvania, by the con-ate land board seems to struction of good roads had in the country. It is the basis g down to "brass tacks" doubled their wagon loads and of all prosperity. It is the un-Act projects which will thereby decreased the cost of derlaying structure on which all over the country and wagon transportation 50 per industry is built. It supplies igation a boost. We cent. That ment on poor roads more than 40 per cent of the raw material for our boasted manufactured products. Its annual section but we have mile, and on the dry roads basis creation of wealth is now nearly est and most feasible a saving of 14 cents a ton per a billion dollars, or nearly twice

develop them and this ormous waste applied to all the or better reward to bright young an be attracted to them great farm crops of this great men. -Ex.

DISPEGARD GAME LAW

had passed resolutions at a re- over the state have reached the cent meeting asking the county office of Game Warden William gress, court to put a bounty of 5 cents S. Finley, to the effect that the About 50 claims have been ington and Oregon is in Portland through transcontinental trunk on rabbits. Mr. Denstedt states laws prohibiting the hunting of staked within the last few days, with information to the effect line to San Francisco, there are that these pests have destroyed deer with hounds are being vio- while the mountains in the vicithousands of bushels of grain in lated. At the present time, de- nity are being swarmed over by Harney county this season and puties are hastening to the var- goldseekers. that relief was absolutely nec- jous grounds where deer are Last summer "float" rock essary if we are going to keep known to gather, with explicit found near the location of the our settlers on their places and instructions to arrest such viola- present discovery assayed very ho, on the Pittsburg & Gilmore ern, surveys which Hill disposed till the soil. Some have fenced tors and prosecute them to the high. Several nurgets were disagainst the pests but this doesn't full extent of the law. Mr. Fin-covered which were found to be Profile Gap, Laredo, Boise and a right for joint use through the seem effective as the rabbits will ley states that he will overlook worth \$20, while the panning of Lakeview Or. He says that Malheur Canyon, the Nevada, dig under in places, besides it is no opportunity to punish deer placer prospects developed some there is every indication that Hill California & Oregon now under a big expense to fence a field of hunters who use hounds or other very promising results. any size against them, especially dogs for the persuit of deer, as While the initial assays do not since it seems almost impossible the extinction of this animal is disclosed any very high grade man stronghold, says the Tele-Or., and the Western Pacific

Mr. Denstedt feels that the sures are adopted immedialely, uation declare that there appears struggling homesteader should Reports from the Forestry to be an enormous amount of have encouragement and some Service of the United States gold bearing quartz of low value. protection if we are to develop government indicate that the elk A fact of importance is the acthis big country and make a of Oregon are rapidly becoming cessibility of the country, and farming section of it. They have extinct. There are less than the immediate presence of wood, to pay big prices for seed and 300 animals within the boundries water and a great amount of provisions, clear the land and of the state at this time. War- water power. put in much time in order to den Williams S. Finley announc- Carl Ladewig was the original raise a crop on the sage brush es his intentions of interesting discoverer of the quartz, assays definite indication as to the exact soil where irrigation cannot be the President in making a pro- of which has given rise to the secured. Those who are able clamation, setting aside the Bull present rush. Together with have fenced against the rabbit Run watershed as a wild game John Steidl, a local man of contematic methods of distribution but many cannot afford it besides reserve. This is within the siderable means, he has prospectit was impossible to secure the authority of President Taft, as ed over the territory where the necessary netting of local deal-this property is already under discovery was finally made. the Short Line is not and speeches by theorists and by the economic expert, who in his neighborhood (he enumer- Oregon Forest Reserve. It was stood, these men and others filed in his neighborhood (he enumer- Oregon Forest Reserve. with a branch but is office-seeking politicians, but it plows, sows and reaps in rockthe road through that office-seeking politicians, but it plows, sows and reaps in rocking chairs within four walls, but office-seeking politicians, but it plows, sows and reaps in rockated some two dozen) have beMr. Finley who induced Presiupon a group of claims and comcome discouraged commuted and dent Roosevelt to set aside the menced preliminary work, whose moved away. This is not the Malheur Lake country as a wild subsequent discovery precipitaway to develop the country and bird reserve and he believes he ted the excitement. he therefore suggests that other will secure a like concession from communities memorialize the the present executive. court and that there be an ur- With less than 700 antelope

end that they be destroyed.

ing of reservoirs or ponds is fea- infraction of the law.

crops for an indefinte time. country is more thickly popula- release game birds and fish. With inteligent care, it will yield ted and the hiding places remov-

Persistent reports from all assured unless strenuous mea- rock, those familiar with the sit- gram,

gent demand from all farmers to remaining in Oregon, evidence place a bounty on rabbits to the has reached the office of State Game Warden Finley that a This is really a serious matter sheep owner of Southeastern of free reclining chair cars, tourthat should have unselfish atten- Oregon has systematically plantion. We need these homestead- ned the killing of many of these ers to assist in the building up of animals during the last two win- Steamer T. J. Potter to the reour country and it seems they ters. The object of this unlawmust have some protection other- ful attempt, it is said, is to pro- Special will leave Baker at 6:15 wise their crops are eaten up by vide bait for coyotes. The carthese pests and thus the entire cass of the antelope is poisoned arriving Portland following community is injured. This where it falls, which when eaten morning at 7:15 a. m. Passengrain is needed to provide for by the coyote, consequently desman and beast and we should troyes that animal. Deputies ers leaving Portland at 8:30a.m., give the matter consideration. are now seeking exact evidence, or at 8:00p.m., either the day of The farmer on the dry land with the intention of discovering arrival or the day following. A would invest every dollar he got the guitty party, when deligent rate of \$12.50, children half fare, on the place and improve it. He prosecution will follow. The will be made from Baker and the could get a windmill or gasoline identity of the sheep owner is, as tickets will be good for fifteen engine for the home garden and yet, unknown, although the offi-days, permitting stopover priviltrees. Mr. Denstedt states that cers are on the trail of the man, eges at Portland and Astoria on the second flow of water is al- who will be made a striking ex- the return. Reduced rates will most inexhautable and the build- ample of the seriousness of this be made on the Sumpter Valley

sible wherein to store water with Sportmen, all over the state, tions through the Agent of the which to start alfalfa. The sec- are urged to organize clubs by ond year this plant doesn't need State Game Warden William S. any surface irrigation is the ex- Finley. He believes that the perience of Mr. Denstedt, as he protection and propagation of has secured fine stands in this game, as well as an intelligent ing and no medicine or treatmanner. The plants reach mois- enforcement of the present game ment I tried seemed to do any ture the second year thus being laws can be effected more thor- good," writes H. M. Youngpetrooted and providing excellent oughly through a body of true ers, Editor of The Sun, Lake sportsmen than in any other way. View, Ohio. "The first few The Times-Herald asks further A quarterly report from the doses of Chamberlain's Stomach discussion of the rabbit pest game warden's office will keep and Liver Tablets gave me sur-We've done that long mile, or over thirty-seven times life is a sphere for the dullards question and its columns are open them in touch with conditions prising relief and the second botto those who have practical ideas all over the state, while Mr. Fin- tle seemed to give me a new to express. A bounty of 5 cents ley will rely very largely upon stomach and perfectly good on rabbits means a big expense the recommendations of these health." For sale by all good to the taxpayers yet until our clubs, as to where and when to Dealers.

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has considerable promise has "started things" with a vengeance in interior Oregon, says nal. As the result of the discovery of gold bearing quartz, which became known last week, a rush has occured from Bend

Every one who could get means of transportation and spare the 12 miles west of this place, near the headwaters of Tumalo creek. Assays from the original claims, while made entirely from the surface rock, are reported as showing more than \$10 to the ton. Those working the shafts that claims state that the rock looks more and more rich as they pro-

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## A gold strike that apparently SOME RAILROAD

at the stupidity of so-called Rye Grass Grange Passes Resolution a dispach from Bend to the Jour- Route of Invasion of Hill Road Said To Pass Through Here

#### DISCOURAGED that has all but depopulated the THE MALHEUR PASS TO BE USED

time has gone to the gold territory Location Engineer Names High Spots Which it is Proposed to Touch But Fails to Mention Harney Valley Through Which Road Must Pass up Malheur.

who has been in Northwestern connected lines and surveys are being put down on several railroad service for years and which Hill has been gradually who has roughed it over thous- acquiring with a view of conands of miles of projected rail necting them and piecing the isolines in Montana, Idaho, Wash- lated stretches into links of a that the "high spots" which the the following completed main-Hill interests will touch in their lines, connecting lines and proinvasion of California are: Logan jects: Northern Pacific mainline, City, Mont., on the Northern Pa- Pittsburg & Gilmore, Pacific & cific mainline; Salmon City, Ida- Idaho Northern, Boise & Westsurvey, now owned by the Hills; of to the Harrimans but retained has begun in earnest the cam-construction from a point on the paign to enter the great Harri- Western Pacific to Lakeview,

While numerous unofficial reports have indicated that Western Montana and Central Idaho W. L. BLOTT are the critical battlegrounds of Hill and Harriman forces have brought out the fact that surveying parties of both systems have been at work for months reconlines which will be followed have been revailed until now.

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